

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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April 4, 1997

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Hello:

This letter is to inform you that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a remedy for the cleanup of soil and ground-water contamination at the Franklin Power Products/Amphenol (FPP/A) facility on Hurricane Road, Franklin, Indiana. The final remedy we select will be done only after a 45-day public comment period has expired and we have reviewed any comments that we receive.

The FPP/A facility is a 15-acre facility located on Hurricane Road in Franklin, Indiana. The facility is bounded on the east by Hurricane Road, on the south by Hamilton Avenue, on the north by the railroad tracks, and on the west by other industrial/commercial properties. Past operations at the facility included degreasing, plating, metal working and painting. These operations caused contamination of the soil and ground water around and beneath the facility.

A **Statement of Basis** summarizing the results of a Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) and Corrective Measures Study (CMS), along with other pertinent information, have been placed in the facility Document Repository (DR) at the Johnson County Library, 401 State Street, Franklin, Indiana. This same information is also available in the EPA Records Center on the seventh floor of the Regional Headquarters in Chicago. EPA encourages you to review these documents in order to gain a better understanding of the activities that are taking place there. This review will also provide you with a basis for making any comments that you may desire regarding the recommendations listed below.

Before arriving at the following cleanup recommendations, several remedy options were considered and evaluated using nine important criteria. EPA recommends the following cleanup options for the FPP/A facility:

- Removal of the contaminated ground water by the continued operation of the existing on-site ground-water recovery and treatment system, allowing for expansion of the system in the future, if necessary. The treated water would continue to be discharged to the City of Franklin sanitary sewer/water treatment system as allowed by the City of Franklin;
- Additional treatment of soil and ground water by an on-site air sparging/soil vapor extraction (SVE) system;
- Institutional controls to prevent contact with the contaminants; and
- Begin environmental monitoring to assess the effectiveness of these remedies.

Although a public meeting is not planned for this action at this time, EPA will consider holding one if sufficient public interest is generated on the matter. We are, however, affording the general public a 45-day opportunity to comment on this proposal. This public comment period begins April 16, 1997, and will end May 30, 1997. All comments must be in writing and either postmarked or e-mailed prior to May 30, 1997. Please address your postal comments to:

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If you have questions about this proposal, you may call him at (312) 886-4568, or toll free at 1-800-621-8431.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Novak

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